HW:

We went out and got the Ladies Home Journal original. No help, no more specific, no slightest suggestion of what is meant by "use" of the tapes.

However if you need the LHJ original we"ll be glad to copy.

Seems to us the important thing is the accusation agaainst Haldeman, that Julie's job at Curtis is not irrelevant, but that the probable source may have been more likely Rose Mary Woods, At any rate, we find it hard to think it wasn't fully approved at the top.

Would have copied the LHJ piece if we hadn't ~~axx~~ got the idea somehow that Lil gets it or has access. Let us know if you need.

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A Report Pat Blames Haldeman

New York

Pat Nixon blames H.R. Haldeman for the original use of the Watergate tapes, according to a friend of Mrs. Nixon.

Mrs. Nixon believes that Haldeman used the tapes without the ex-President's knowledge, reported the March issue of the Ladies Home Journal. The magazine's editor, Lenore Hershey, described Mrs. Nixon's friend, who requested anonymity, as "absolutely reliable and in a position to know all the details."

The friend said that when Mrs. Nixon first learned of the existence of the tapes, "she was appalled."

"Neither she nor her children had suspected until then how deeply the Watergate psychology reached into the White House," the magazine said.

"She could not believe the stupidity involved. In her opinion, you don't do things like that — the tapes should never have been used in the first place."

Mrs. Nixon considered Haldeman the culprit, the friend reported. The friend quoted Mrs. Nixon as believing that Haldeman did many other things behind her husband's back. The two never had been on the best of terms, said the friend, and "she never saw Haldeman again after the business of the tapes."

United Press